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# HOUSE BILL No. 1798

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12-21-22; IC 21-3-1.7-9.8

**Synopsis:** Academic honors diploma scholarships and awards. Establishes the academic honors diploma scholarship program to provide a \$925 tuition scholarship at institutions of higher learning or proprietary education to students who graduate from high school with an academic honors diploma. Provides that the \$925 academic honors diploma award that a school corporation currently receives for each student who graduates with an academic honors diploma may be used by the school corporation for any purpose for which other funds of the school corporation may be used but may not be granted to the students who complete the honors diploma program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-21-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 22. (a) As used in this section,**  
4 **"scholarship" refers to an academic honors diploma scholarship**  
5 **established by this section.**

6 **(b) There is established the academic honors diploma**  
7 **scholarship program. The commission shall administer the**  
8 **program.**

9 **(c) The commission shall do the following:**

10 **(1) Provide a nine hundred twenty-five dollar (\$925) tuition**  
11 **scholarship to each student in the graduating class of a school**  
12 **corporation who does the following:**

13 **(A) Successfully completes an academic honors diploma**  
14 **program, as certified by the school corporation.**

15 **(B) Enrolls in and incurs an obligation to pay tuition to at**  
16 **least one (1) of the following:**

17 **(i) An approved institution of higher learning (as defined**



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in IC 20-12-22.1-3).

(ii) An eligible institution (as defined in IC 20-12-21.7-2).

(2) Pay the amount of the scholarship directly to the institution where the scholarship recipient is enrolled for credit against the student's tuition obligation.

(d) The commission may not do the following:

(1) Reduce the amount of a student's scholarship because the student receives another award under this chapter.

(2) Renew a scholarship.

(e) The commission shall pay the costs of the scholarships from appropriations from the state general fund for purposes of the scholarship program.

SECTION 2. IC 21-3-1.7-9.8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.273-1999, SECTION 141, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 9.8. (a) In addition to the distributions under sections 8, 9.5, and 9.7 of this chapter, a school corporation is eligible for an **academic** honors diploma award in the amount determined under STEP TWO of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the number of the school corporation's eligible pupils who successfully completed an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year.

STEP TWO: Multiply the STEP ONE amount by nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925).

(b) Each year the governing body of a school corporation may use the money that the school corporation receives for an **academic** honors diploma award under this section to ~~give nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925) to each eligible pupil in the school corporation who successfully completes an academic honors diploma program in the school year ending in the previous calendar year. for any purpose for which other funds of the school corporation may be used.~~

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